exchange reserves (in US $ million) since week-ending August 29, 2003 are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) India compiles its external debt data on a quarterly basis *i.e.* at end-March, end-June, end-September, and end-December. India's external debt as on end-March, 2003 and end-June 2003 stood at US $104.55 billion and US $ 109.58 billion, respectively. The per capita external debt of India at end-December 2002 stood at US $ 101.2.

(c) The forex reserve increase was not attributable to disinvestment of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)

Statement

India's Weekly Foreign Exchange Reserve (in US $ Million)

Week Ending	SDRs	Gold	FCA	Total
August 29, 2003	3	3,628	82,624	86,255
Sept. 5, 2003	3	3,720	83,642	87,365
Sept. 12, 2003	4	3,720	84,132	87,856
Sept. 19, 2003	4	3,720	84,832	88,556
Sept. 26, 2003	4	3,720	85,603	89,327
Oct. 3, 2003	4	3,919	83,815	87,738
Oct. 10, 2003	4	3,919	86,430	90,353
Oct. 17, 2003	4	3,919	87,392	91,315
Oct. 24, 2003	4	3,19	87,969	91,892
Nov. 7, 2003	4	3,920	89,287	93,211
Nov. 14, 2003	3	3,920	89,740	93,663
Nov. 21, 2003	3	3,920	91,450	95,373

Comparison of Income Tax collections

2227. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total income-tax collections during April to September, 2003 and the comparative figures for 2002 and 2001 indicating Slab-wise break-

up of the tax collections and the increase in number of tax payees slab-wise; and

(b) whether the increase in tax collections and number of tax payees is largely attributable to tax-payers belonging to lower-income slabs than to higher income slabs and it fo, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The amount collected as Income Tax during April to September, 2003 and the comparative figures for 2002 and 2001 are detailed below:

April 2003 to September, 2003
(Amount in Crores)

Corporation Tax	Income Tax	Total
19002.34	14441.76	33444.10

April 2002 to September, 2002

Corporation Tax	Income Tax	Total
15264.28	14341.03	29605.31

April 2001 to September, 2001

Corporation Tax	Income Tax	Total
11487.96	12885.00	24372.96

The slab-wise break-up of the Tax Collection and the increase in number of Tax Payees slab-wise are not maintained separately. The collection and the compilation of the desired information from the field formations from all over the country will involve substantial time and efforts which may not commensurate to the objective to be achieved.

(b) Since slab-wise break-up of the tax collection is not maintained, this information cannot be generated. The study of available data, however, indicates that the Corporation Tax collection has increased by 24.5% and Income-Tax collection has increased by only 0.7% during April, 2003 to September, 2003.